



**Comprehensive Plan Committee  
Minutes**

October 4, 2023

6:30pm – Meeting

At Broadcast Studio & via ZOOM

**Committee Members Present:** John Clark, Greg Foster, Kaela Gonzalez, Peter Leavitt, Frank McDermott, Shawn McKillop, Danelle Milone, John Rand, Jackie Sawyer

**Committee Members Absent:** none

**NSP Staff Present:**

Kate Burch, Planner

**Town Staff Present:**

Sue Look, Interim Town Manager & Town Clerk

**Town Staff Absent:**

Chris Hanson, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer

1) **Called to order at 6:30pm** by Chair Gonzalez with a quorum present

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a) September 6, 2023

**Motion** to approve as presented by Mr Foster. Seconded by Mr McDermott.

**Unanimously approved**

3) **Old Business**

a) First Draft Review of all Inventory Chapters & Map

Kate Burch has been responding to committee questions as she can. The number of seasonal houses is between the census number and the number of people who get their tax bill sent outside of Raymond. Short-term rentals are not tracked. Prices are becoming less affordable in Raymond and many houses are unoccupied most of the year. Possibly put back out the unanswered questions to the committee or the Town.

b) Public Outreach Event – Jan 2024

The gym is reserved for Jan 20 and Jan 27.

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\* Taken out of order

c) Community Resilience Partnership

Will be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr McDermott brought up that the committee is missing an opportunity to gain knowledge by not interviewing Don Willard. There was discussion about the fact that Mr Willard is out on FMLA and cannot be contacted for any work-related issues/questions. Chair Leavitt asked that Interim Town Manager Look ask the Town Attorney if it is permissible for the committee to reach out to him as a citizen and interview him or ask him to come to a meeting.

#### 4) **New Business**

- Initial Results of Vision Survey

Kate Burch reviewed a presentation of the results:

206 people responded

Most between 35-44 or 65-80, year-round residents, college educated, \$100,000+ income

Best thing is sense of community

Favorite outdoor space – Sebago Lake, known for - Lakes

Biggest threat to quality of life – Growth & development

- Vision Statement Preliminary Discussion

See Video for details at <https://www.raymondmaine.org/video-archives>

- \* Update for Community – Continued outreach

Send a note to our email list and for the Road Runner about the survey and the January events.

Discussion about the lack of responses to the survey and ideas – putting a poster in each business with our business cards – to explain what the committee is doing and how much the committee is seeking the community involvement. We need to collect more email addresses. Mr McKillop and Mr McDermott and Chair Leavitt want to work on the posters to the businesses on either October 26 or 27.

The vision event and the future event are the 2 that the committee will want to put the most effort into community involvement.

List of businesses in a week and North Star will create posters and new business cards.

Mr McDermott will contact Ed Pierce at the Windham Eagle to see if they would consider interviewing the committee for an article.

#### 5) **Next Meeting Date**

a) November 1, 2023

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\* Taken out of order

## 6) Public Comment

Taylor Winslow – 27 Baxter Road – she volunteered to interview Don for her podcast, she said the committee was wonderful. She was here on the side of the natural resources.

## 7) Comp Plan Committee's Comment

Ms Sawyer watched a documentary, Live to 100, the Quality of the Blue Zone, about folks living into their hundreds and find the commonality to see if environmental changes and diet could change longevity and improve quality of life. Creating walking space, etc.

Chair Leavitt talked about the quality of life and the quality of place and how this relates to the Comp Plan.

Mr Rand read Nomad Century and found it very interesting.

Mrs Millone commented that we need to think about how we differ from Windham, not that Windham is bad.

## 8) Adjournment

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:16pm by Mrs Millone. Seconded by Mr McDermott.

**Unanimously approved**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sandy Fredricks  
ZBA & Planning Board Admin*

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\* Taken out of order